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WORCESTER GETS MEET.

Tech's Big Offer Turned Down by the Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

In spite of the fact that it made the best offer that the association had ever received, Technology was not again given the privilege of holding the annual field and track meet of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association. At the annual meeting of the Association, held Saturday at the Hotel Lenox, the delegates present decided that the meet should this year be held on the Worcester Oval, where with one or two exceptions, it has been always held, up to last year.

The principal reason given for selecting the Worcester Oval was that it is neutral ground and has the better track. It was claimed by the opponents of the Technology offer that the track at Technology Field last year was soft and heavy.

The Tech representatives answered this criticism by saying that Tech had had only two weeks to get the track into condition and that the best results were not possible under such conditions, especially as it had been a wet spring. Attention was called also to the fact that three records were broken on the Field last year, the first time that such a thing had happened in years.

However it was evident that the delegates had come to the meeting with their minds made up as to how they would vote and all of Tech's arguments availed nothing. The final vote was six to four, the eleventh member of the association, Trinity, not being represented. In the final vote the men from the northern colleges voted for Technology, while the western colleges, together with Brown and Tufts voted for the Oval.

Holy Cross made application for membership in the association. The matter was laid on the table and is to be settled by the athletic association of each college. The proposition to abolish the discuss throw as one of the events of the meet was brought up by Technology on the grounds that the event was no longer a part of the program of the big intercollegiate meet and that it was seldom a part of dual meets. However, the association decided to retain the event.

In the election of officers J. H. Tobin, '08, was elected treasurer. L. Allen, '07, and J. H. Tobin, '08, represented Technology at the meeting.

GOOD TIME FOR MUSICAL CLUBS.

The Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs gave an excellent concert at the Unitarian Church in West Newton Friday night. An audience of two hundred heartily applauded every number, and in spite of the fact that the clubs have practised but little since sometime before mid-years, they performed very creditably. After the concert, refreshments were served, and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The hospitable congregation of the church proved excellent hosts and the fellows enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

FOR CAPS AND GOWNS.

Following Brief Submitted to Faculty by Seniors.

Is the Class of 1907 to wear Caps and Gowns at Graduation? Is the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to follow the recognized custom among all the leading educational institutions of the country today or is she to refuse? Is the man who refuses to wear evening dress today to be respected for his independence or is his narrowness to be deplored? Has not the Cap and Gown come to be equally the proper apparel for college graduation as the dress suit for the evening function or the frock coat for the afternoon? Has not the Cap and Gown become entirely a recognition of scholarship rather than a relic of monasticism and a symbol of the old classical education? Are we not considering this matter from the standpoint of merit rather than from that of "copying" other institutions of learning?

It has been urged that the adoption of Cap and Gown would be contrary to traditions of the Institute. We ask what tradition we have in the Institute of which we violate the spirit? It is this lack of tradition that we are trying to remedy. Have not conditions entirely changed since the early days of the Institute and has not Technology come to be looked upon as a college among the colleges rather than as a trade school? We would call to attention as a significant fact the marked changes, especially regarding Graduation exercises, which have taken place since the founding of the Institute. There has been a growing desire in the successive graduating classes for Caps and Gowns for the last ten years, which for the last four years has assumed serious proportions; and, in view of this fact, is it not reasonable to assume that this feeling will continue to grow?

It is impossible to deny that the progress of the Institute has been materially aided by the introduction of various college activities and ideas which have already served to exert a very broadening influence on undergraduate life. Why is it not wise to continue in this policy? *Do we wish to admit that the education which Technology gives is not as broad and as liberal as that which may be obtained in other colleges?* Is it not wise for the Institute to recognize the value of public opinion as is shown in the following extract from an editorial which appeared in the *Boston Herald* of December 31, which is certainly worth our consideration.

CAPS AND GOWNS AT TECH.

"Will Tech Seniors wear Caps and Gowns? We do not know why they should not put on this last outward sign of academic recognition which they have won for their kind of training.

"The education for which Dr. Eliot pleaded in the *Atlantic Monthly* in 1868 (and became Harvard's president in consequence) was the education which isn't necessarily presided over by a clergyman, and which recognizes more than one kind of knowledge. That plea has pretty nearly come to pass. Caps and Gowns by all

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VICTORY FOR CRIMSON.

Harvard Basketball Team Too Strong for Tech Quintet.

Harvard won from Technology in basketball last night at the Hemenway Gymnasium in Cambridge by the score of 36 to 15. Tech played in spurts which grew less and less vigorous as the game progressed, Harvard's superior team work and training proving too great advantages for the Institute men to overcome. The home team's aggressive combinations kept the ball in the territory of the visitors who were constantly on the defensive. Tech occasionally overcame the Harvard defence and worked the ball down the floor for a goal, but in the second half the playing became more and more individual and mixed up.

In a preliminary game the Harvard Freshmen defeated the Tech second team by a score of 49 to 10.

HARVARD.		TECHNOLOGY.	
Brown, r.f.	Gregory, Campell, r.f.		
Allen, Downey, Currie, lf.	Kinnear, (Capt.) l.f.		
Amberg, c.	Pierce, c.		
Brooks, r.g.	Wentworth, r.g.		
Burnham, (Capt.) l.g.	Nichols, l.g.		

Score, Harvard 36, Tech 15. Goals from floor, Amberg 6, Brown 3, Brooks 3, Allen, Currie, Downey, Wentworth 4, Kinnear. Goals from fouls, Kinnear 7, Brown 6. 25 minute halves.

TALK BY PROF. D. C. JACKSON.

Professor Dugald C. Jackson, the new head of Course VI, came on from the West expressly to attend the Electrical Engineering Society Smoker Monday evening. He spoke shortly on the needs in engineering practice, giving the men some fatherly advice.

MUSICAL CLUBS CONCERT.

The Musical Clubs will give a concert at the Colonial Club, Quincy Street, Cambridge, Saturday, Feb. 23. Clubs will meet at Boylston Street Subway for south bound cars at 7.05. Members who live outside of Boston who do not wish to come in can take any Harvard Square car.

RIFLE CLUB.

At the meeting of the Rifle Club yesterday a constitution was accepted and arrangements made for organization. In order to get a team started, Shelbe, a former state team man, was elected captain, and Jacobs, manager. All men wishing to become charter members of the club should send names to H. S. Wonson, at the Cage, as soon as possible.

The Yale nine will start on its southern trip on March 27, and will play the first game of the schedule with the Middies at Annapolis. On the Friday following Yale will play the George Washington University and on Saturday the Washington and Lee University. On Monday the nine will go to Baltimore to meet the Walbrook A. C. team. The climax of the trip comes on Tuesday with Georgetown at Georgetown. Only one game is scheduled with Georgetown this year. Heretofore two games have been played each year on the southern trip.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

4.00 P.M. Meeting of British Empire Association in 16 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.
8.00 P.M. Chemical Society Smoker at the Tech Union.
8.00 P.M. Meeting of American Institute of Electrical Engineers in 6 Lowell.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

1.30 P.M. Weekly Y. M. C. A. Meeting in Parish Hall.
4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Principals Rehearsal at the Union.
4.15 P.M. Geological Journal Club Meeting in 14 Pierce.
8.00 P.M. Relay Race, Tech vs. Brown at the Lawrence Light Guards Meet in Medford.
8.00 P.M. Basketball, Tech vs. Lowell Textile at the Gym.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

The exercises of the Institute will be suspended.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

2.30 P.M. Tech Show Principals Rehearsal at the Union.
8.00 P.M. Musical Clubs' Concert at the Colonial Club, Cambridge.

FACULTY NOTICES.

French Colloquium.—The class will meet Mr. Blachstein Mondays and Thursdays at four in 22 Lowell.

Sections 14 and 15, Chemistry Recitation.—Section 14B will meet until further notice on Fridays at 11. Section 15, on Thursdays at 2.

First Year English.—Tuesday, 11 to 12, Professor Robinson's section is transferred from 33 Rogers to 26 Rogers. Mr. Batchelor's section is transferred from 26 Rogers to 23 Lowell. Friday, 12 to 1, Mr. Batchelor's section is transferred from 26 Lowell to 23 Lowell.

Second Year English, Courses II and X.—Mr. Seaver's section in Second Year English, Courses II and X, is transferred on both Tuesday and Friday at 12 from 36 Rogers to 33 Rogers.

NOTICES.

Cover Competition.—All designs for the *Technique* '08 cover design must be in by 12 P.M. Saturday.

Jamestown Exposition.—Students interested in obtaining summer work at the Jamestown Exposition may obtain particulars from C. S. Dean, '07.

Y. M. C. A.—Rev. John Hopkins Denison, will conclude his series of talks before the Technology Christian Association on Thursday at 1.30 P.M. His subject will be "The Influence of Christ Today."

British Empire Association.—There will be a meeting of the British Empire Association in 16 Rogers at 4 P.M. today. Members are requested to attend to discuss the question of a joint dinner with the Canadian Club.

Mandolin Club.—There will be a special rehearsal in 31 Rogers Thursday afternoon at 4 P.M. As this is the last rehearsal before the concert at the Colonial Club, Cambridge, every member should be present.

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Wednesday, February 20, 1907.

Owing to the fact that the exercises of the Institute will be suspended next Friday, the next issue of THE TECH will appear on Monday.

COMMUNICATION.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

Some time ago a body of the 1905 men in the neighborhood of Boston began to feel that it would be to their mutual pleasure and benefit, and perhaps to the benefit of the class and even, in a small way, to the Institute, if they should meet rather more frequently than the semi-annual class dinners permitted. With this in view a very informal club, called the Boston Club of 1905, was formed, its purpose being to dine together once a month. All members and ex-members of the class were welcomed to its rolls and soon a list of nearly thirty names was made up, each name being that of a man who hoped to attend many, if not all, of the monthly dinners. The second Tuesday of the month was selected as the most convenient date and the Technology Club as the most suitable place for these meetings and already three dinners have been held, the attendance ranging from twelve to twenty. Nothing formal has ever been attempted, the object striven for being primarily a good time which will induce men to come and thus keep in closer touch with Institute affairs, but the members have in many cases not hesitated to discuss the more important Tech questions and have been particularly valuable as a convenient body for the handling of such class affairs as do not demand the united action of the class and as a general advisory board and corps of assistants to the secretaries. A club similar to this, but necessarily more limited in membership and scope was already in existence among 1905 men in Philadelphia and the class hopes to establish them in all the larger centers where Tech men gather. This would seem to be an outline of a plan which might commend itself to other classes as well. So

far as I know, none of the recently graduated classes, except 1905, have taken any such action, but the enthusiasm which the members of the two organizations named have shown leads to the belief that there is an opening for these local clubs for every one of the newer and larger classes, in Boston if in no other part of the country. To show what a body we of 1905 had to draw from I may state that notices were sent out to over 90 of our men around Boston. There are undoubtedly a nearly equal number of 1904 and 1906 men around and there will be as many from 1907, 1908, etc., in due time. Here is a chance for some pushing spirits to hold their classes together before outside interests become too strong and make too great demands on the men's time.

GEOLOGICAL JOURNAL CLUB.

On account of Friday, Feb. 22, being a holiday, the Geological Journal Club will meet this week on Thursday, at 4.15, in 14 Pierce. Prof. T. A. Jagger will review Prof. Pickering's Paper, "The Volcanic Problem and the Origin of the Moors," and other papers will be presented by C. M. Hutchins, '07, and D. B. Myers, '07. All interested are invited to attend.

ALUMNI NOTES.

C. A. Sawyer, '02, III, who has been located in Greensboro, N. C., for the Andrew D. Fuller Co., has recently returned to Boston.

W. P. R. Pember, '02, IV, in association with Martin C. Miller, of Buffalo, was one of ten architects to win in the preliminary competition for in the New York State Library building. They receive a prize of \$500 and an allowance of \$1000 for making plans for the final competition. As the other winners are among the best known architectural firms in the country, the work of two such young men as Messrs. Pember, and Miller is particularly creditable.

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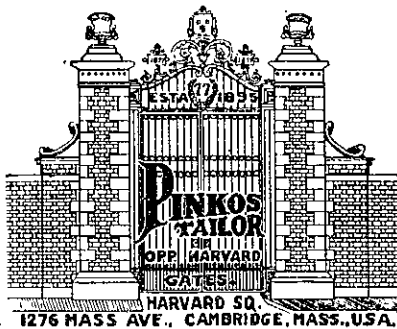
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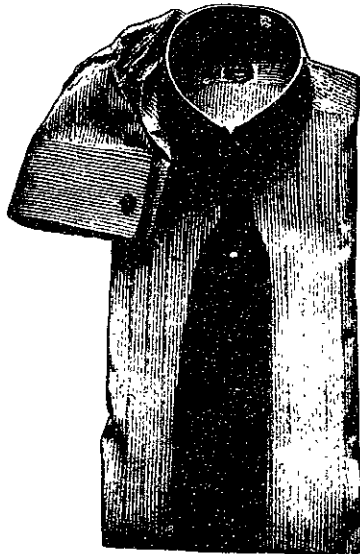
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Feeling that the completion of Technology's course does deserve an exercise, we wish to make this exercise fitting to the occasion. We believe that this end can best be accomplished by the adoption of Caps and Gowns. We call attention to the fact that out of the twenty leading institutions, either wholly scientific or having scientific departments, to which letters have been sent, fifteen use the Cap and Gown. We invite your inspection of these letters which will be turned over to the Faculty Committee. We have endeavored to obtain the opinion of the alumni, and as far as we have succeeded we find the sentiment is in favor. See also the expression of the class's desire for the adoption of Caps and Gowns, which notwithstanding an unfortunately ambiguous wording of the question showed a two to one vote in favor, in one of the largest polls of votes in the history of the class.

We, therefore, in the light of the foregoing statement, invite your careful consideration of this matter.

CLASS OF 1907.

Statistics Regarding Use of Caps and Gowns at Scientific Schools.

Rennselaer, does not use. Sheffield (Yale), required. Pratt Inst.

(no degree). De Pauw, does use. Brooklyn Polytech, does use. Northwestern Uni., does use, all dep'ts. Case School Applied Science, does not use. Princeton, does use. Wisconsin, not required but used. Purdue, does not use. Cincinnati, does in Lib. Arts; in past not in Eng. Syracuse, does use. Stevens Inst., does use. Johns Hopkins, required all dep'ts. Columbia, required at Commencement. Cornell, does use. Michigan, does use. Armour Inst., does use. Chicago, required. U. of Penn., does use.

LAWRENCE LIGHT GUARDS MEET.

The indoor meet which in this vicinity is next in importance to the B. A. A. Meet, is that held annually by the Lawrence Light Guards at Medford, and will take place Thursday night.

The Tech Relay Team will run against Brown and from the showing of the two teams last Saturday night at the B. A. A. the race ought to be a close one. Brown made the fastest time for the 1560-yard relay once but considering the mishap of the Tech team and the small difference in time, there should be a good hard race.

In the 35-yard dash, Tech will be represented by Capt. K. W. Richards, R. B. Todd, A. T. Moses, K. D. Fernstrom, G. Gould, C. W. Gram and H. Wertheim.

R. Allen is entered in the high jump, and as he captured first at the B. A. A., should certainly get a place at Medford. The whole relay team together with Keeney, Wertheim and Fernstrom will probably run in the 440 and 600-yard dashes, and Chapman, Macgregor and Howland will compete in the distance runs.

From the number of entries and the condition of the men, Tech ought to make a great showing. With the exception of the men from New York and the West, the entries at Medford are much the same as those at the B. A. A. Meet.

As the result of an explosion of gas on Monday, in the coal mine at Las Esperanzas, Mexico, 105 men are dead and 12 injured.

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That three Technology men have
passed the examinations given by
the architectural department of
the Ecole des Beaux Arts out of a
large number of candidates is the
news just received from Paris.
These men are William H. Crowell
'06; Charles G. Loring, '06; and
Paul F. Mann, '06, and were the
only Tech men taking the examina-
tions.

The splendid work of these men
is better appreciated when the fig-
ures and conditions of the examina-
tions are understood. There were
78 foreign students taking the ex-
aminations of which only eleven
passed. This number was divided
into nationalities; one Italian, one
Roumanian, two Swiss and eight
Americans. Of the latter, one was
from Cornell, two from Harvard one
from University of Pennsylvania
one with a traveling scholarship
outside of college, and three Tech
men. There were six Columbia
men failed.

The examinations are difficult,
there being only a limited number
of foreigners taken in, and the
competition is always keen. To
add to the difficulties many of the
examinations are oral, and all are
in the French language, making it
very hard for an American in com-
peting with the Latin races.

Crowell attended the Institute
for two years taking a special
course. He won the Rotch travel-
ing scholarship in 1905 and has
been abroad since. He is known
in the architectural department as
a strong draughtsman, and his
design for the scholarship of an
American Salon was given very fa-
vorable comment in the architectu-
ral journals. He is married and
his home is in Boston.

Loring was graduated from the
Institute with the class of 1906,
his thesis being a design for a san-
atorium. He came to the Institute
with a degree from Harvard. Mann
was a member of the same class
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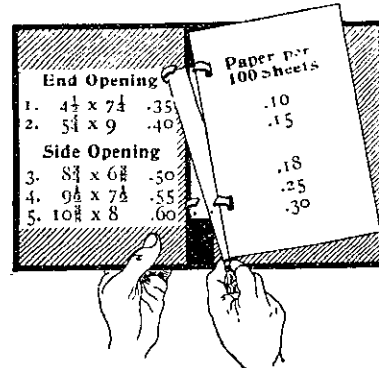
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